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JORGE ((LEMUS)), ALIAS "EL BUKY," HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A RECENTLY MADE VIDEOTAPE IN WHICH FORMER ARMY ENLISTED MAN NOEL DE JESUS ((BETETA)) ALVAREZ TESTIFIED THAT THE MURDER OF GUATEMALAN ANTHROPOLOGIST MYRNA ((MACK)) CHANG WAS CONDUCTED ON THE ORDERS OF FORMER NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF CHIEF GENERAL (RET.) EDGAR AUGUSTO ((GODOY)) GAITAN AND COLONEL JUAN ((VALENCIA)) OSORIO. [REDACTED] COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW LEMUS COULD HAVE SUCH A VIDEOTAPE, SINCE [REDACTED] BETETA [REDACTED] WANTED TO GO PUBLIC DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS BY LEMUS, AND ACCUSE LEMUS OF FABRICATION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: BETETA IS IN PRISON SERVING A 30 YEAR TERM FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MACK. LEMUS HAS BEEN QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING HE HAS EVIDENCE THAT MACK'S ASSASSINATION WAS CONDUCTED ON THE ORDERS OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS. GODOY REFUTES THE STATEMENTS BY LEMUS, AND HAS CHARGED THE FORMER CAR THIEF, WHO WAS IN JAIL WITH BETETA.

WITH LIBEL AND DEFAMATION.)

[REDACTED] IF THE VIDEOTAPE REALLY EXISTS AND BETETA WILL NOT DENY LEMUS'S ALLEGATIONS, IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS PAID MONEY TO BETETA TO GET HIM TO COOPERATE. [REDACTED] THE MACK CASE WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL ((DEVINE)), IN WHICH THE U.S. EMBASSY ACCEPTED "EVIDENCE" KNOWING BEFOREHAND THAT IT WAS FALSE AND FABRICATED. THE ARMY RECENTLY TRIED TO MEET WITH SOME OF BETETA'S RELATIVES ONLY TO FIND THEY HAD VANISHED. [REDACTED] CERTAIN THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE U.S. UNDER U.S. EMBASSY AUSPICES. [REDACTED] THE U.S. EMBASSY IS PROBABLY USING THIS REFUGE TO PERSUADE BETETA TO TURN AGAINST THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY AND TO PROVIDE FALSE TESTIMONY.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: BETETA PUBLICLY DENIED "EL BUKY'S" ALLEGATION THAT BETETA HAS IMPLICATED MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE MURDER. THIS SHOULD PUT THE ISSUE TO REST. THE PROBLEM OF MILITARY DISTRUST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GROWING, HOWEVER, JUDGING FROM SEVERAL OTHER INDICATORS.)

[REDACTED] IF FRUSTRATIONS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE ANY INDICATION OF THE LEVEL OF DISCONTENT WITHIN THE MILITARY TOWARD THE U.S., BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE AT A DANGEROUS PITCH.)

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